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E.O. 11652: GDS
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1. ETHNIC GERMANS (STATE 43081). WE SOMEHOW HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT BUCHAREST 667 AND BONN 1878 PROVIDED AN ANSWER TO QUESTION OF WHETHER WE OR BONN THINK FRG MIGHT WELCOME OUR SUPPORT OF FRG BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON ETHNIC GERMAN EMIGRATION THROUGH PROSTATE REPRESENTATIONS, WHICH WOULD BE NEGATIVE FOR BOTH POSTS. CLOSE REREADING DOES NOT PRECISELY CONFIRM IMPRESSION, BUT IT IS STILL VERY STRONG, AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED: FRG SEEMS TO BE DOING RATHER WELL BY QUIET DIPLOMACY AND FINANCIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO SUPPOSE WE COULD HELP, OR SHOULD EXPEND MUCH AMMUNITION TRYING, ESPECIALLY IN A SITUATION WHERE WE WOULD BE HARD PUT TO OFFER THE KINDS OF "FINANCIAL FACILITIES" PUNGAN MAY HAVE BEEN ALLUDING TO WHEN HE RESPONDED TO GEORGE VEST'S CONCERNS ABOUT EMIGRATION OF MUCH MORE DIRECT CONCERN TO US. NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL POSE QUESTION DIRECTLY TO FRG EMBASSY ON FIRST APPROPRIATE OCCASION, AND REPORT.

2. SOYBEANS (STATE 43081). NICK AGREES (AND WE CONCUR) YOU SHOULD LIFT "HOLD" ON NAC ACTION TUESDAY, BARRING UNFORESEEN EVENTS BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

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3. BACKGROUND NOTES (STATE 39750). WE ARE HARD AT WORK, AND HOPE TO HAVE SOMETHING TO YOU BY END OF WEEK.

4. EPPERS ASSIGNMENT (BUCHAREST 1052, STATE 43007). STATE 43007, FOR WHICH WE ARE GRATEFUL, STILL DOES NOT ANSWER LAURA'S QUESTIONS. WHEN IT WAS PLANNED FOR HER TO LEAVE IN FEBRUARY, SHE WAS TO GET HOME LEAVE AND LANGUAGE TRAINING;

NOW THAT SHE HAS EXTENDED UNTIL MAY, HER ASSUMPTION IS SHE WILL GET HOME HAVE ONLY (NINE WEEKS?), AND PICK UP LANGUAGE IN ROME, BUT SHE NEEDS CONFIRMATION. SHE ALSO NEEDS DEPARTURE DATE, OR ASSURANCE THAT EXACT MAY DATE IS AT POST'S DISCRETION. FINALLY, SHE ASKED FOR A DAY OF CONSULTATION IN ROME, AND NOT TDY, AND WE ARE ALL THE MORE PERPLEXED AT STATE 43007 STATEMENT THAT STOPOVER FORBIDDEN BY REGULATION SINCE OTHERS, INCLUDING LIBRARY DIRECTOR LAMBERT, HAVE STOPPED HERE ON WAY HOME. SHE DOES NOT NEED TO BE PAID FOR HER DAY, BUT DOES NEED PERMISSION TO TAKE NON-AMERICAN CARRIER HERE TO ROME, WITH AMERICAN CARRIER THENCE TO U.S. ANY CLARIFICATIONS YOU CAN ELICIT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

5. PROMOTIONS AND DIPLOMATIC RANKS. WITH GARNETT AT IO-2, LEVY AT IO-5, LYNCH AND BURAKOW AT O-6, AND HOLLIN AT S-7, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE ON THEIR NEW DIPLOMATIC RANKS AND DATE AT WHICH THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE (PRESUMABLY SENATE APPROVAL), SO WE CAN SEND APPROPRIATE NOTICES TO MFA AND OTHER MISSIONS. AGGREY

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